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PROPOSED BILL TO PREVENT FUSION IN NEW MEXICO

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 17.—County fusion movements—such as featured the campaign in half a dozen counties last fall—would be outlawed by the Republican's majority direct primary bill introduced in the state senate today by Senators Wright, Quintana and Phillips, and which will undoubtedly be passed. It provides only for the direct primary to county conventions, and delegates to county conventions, and while fulfilling the party platform pledge falls short of the recommendation of the governor, who asked a state-wide primary law. It provides that candidates for county offices shall file a petition with the county clerk, signed by not less than 2 per cent of the vote cast for M. C. Mechem for governor. A filing fee of \$20 must be paid, the county clerk to issue party ballots in different colors bearing the names of the county candidates printed on them. The voter writes in or pastes on the names of his choice for county convention delegates in 20 blank spaces provided.

County candidates receiving a plurality get their names on the general election ballot. A county convention names delegates to a state convention which nominates a state ticket as at present. The measure provides that the primary shall be held the second Tuesday in August, the county convention two weeks later and the state convention on the following Tuesday. The interesting part to fusionists is that in registering the voter is required to name the party whose ticket he intends to vote. A voter cannot sign the petition of more than one candidate for the same office.

The senate passed the same commission bill after Senator Reinburg made two unsuccessful attempts to amend by reducing the salary of the game warden, first to \$2,400 and then to \$2,700. The \$3,000 salary was retained.

The senate passed a bill regulating the use of state automobiles by state officials and employees by a vote of 9 to 1, providing that all state cars have on both sides in three-inch letters the legend: "State of New Mexico, for official business only."

Gregorio and A. L. Otero introduced the bill to tax bachelors and old maids.

The workmen's compensation act, drafted by the State Federation of Labor and introduced by Roschl of Bernalillo, provides that employers of more than 10 persons shall pay 1 1/2 per cent of gross earnings into a compensation fund to be administered by a non-partisan state board created by the bill. It is estimated this will create a fund of half a million dollars the first year.

The house passed a bill requiring men who seek marriage licenses to have a certificate of freedom from venereal diseases.

The net result of the hearings of the representatives of the mining interests by the legislative finance committee was a practically unanimous verdict by the big companies in favor of retention of the net product tax system as against the ad valorem system recommended by the revenue commission, the tax commission and the governor.

The mining men made it clear they believe the legislature should not be bound by the Republican platform pledge to carry out the revenue board's recommendation if it believes that recommendation unsound.

Prof. Robert M. Haig, of Columbia, special counsel for the revenue commission, in a statement today declared that "if the people in general fully understood the present mine tax law it is scarcely conceivable that it would still be on the statute books," and attempted to show that the dissenting report of John Joerns, of the commission was in reality an agreement with the

BOYS AND TEACHER ENGAGE IN FIGHT

TEACHER RESORTS TO J. P. COURT TO SETTLE DIFFERENCES IN THE CASE.

ONE GIVEN JAIL SENTENCE.

On Tuesday of this week occurred the most deplorable affair that has happened in the history of the Lovington schools, when Carl and Pete Hooper engaged in a fight with their teacher, Glen Stevenson. The boys were arrested on complaint and their trial was set for Thursday morning. At that time the case against Pete Hooper was dismissed on account of his being only fourteen years old.

Carl Hooper was tried in police court Thursday afternoon before Judge Eaves. Mr. Powhatan Carter was prosecuting attorney and M. J. Forrester was attorney for the defense. Quite a number of witnesses on both sides appeared and they were needed as they were excited and some had suffered loss of memory.

From the testimony introduced it appears that after some words between the teacher and Carl Hooper, the teacher ordered him to go to the office. They got as far as the door when the altercation started. At that time Pete Hooper joined in and the three went to the floor clinching and fighting. None of the witnesses told how it ended but one or two stated that it did not last long.

The court was evidently impressed with the severity of the offense as he found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to serve twenty days in jail and to pay the costs of the case. He suspended fifteen days of the sentence upon good behavior of the defendant. The defendant took an appeal to the District court.—Lovington Leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Smith, of the Black River country, were in town Monday shopping and transacting other business. They say everything is in good shape in their part of the country with prospects excellent for a fine crop of spring calves.

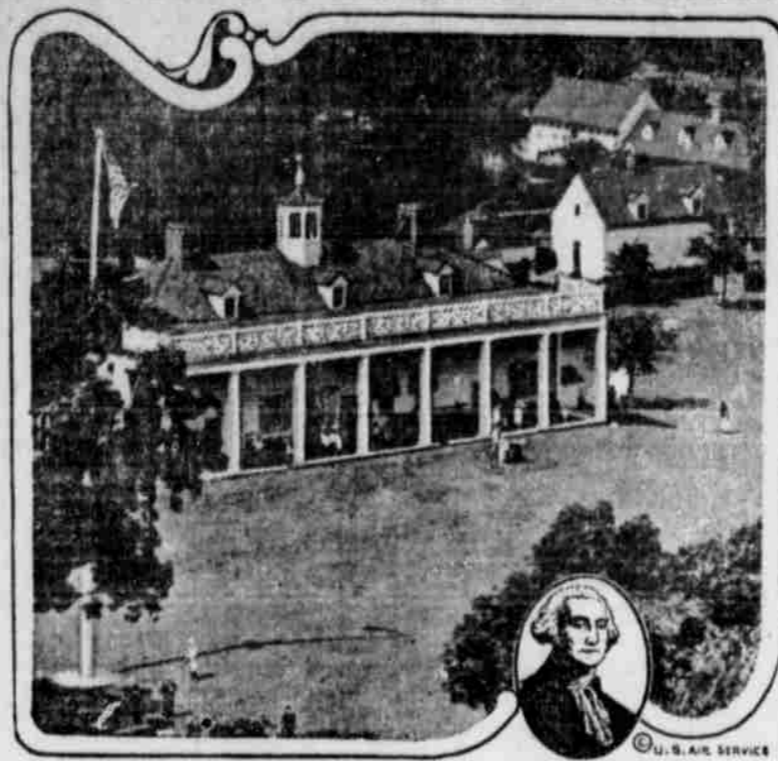
Governor Mechem signed the four relief bills sought by the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers' association and as all carried the emergency clause, they go into effect at once.

The spread of diphtheria in New Mexico continued last week. The state health department's weekly summary showed 46 cases reported, 12 more than the total for the week before. In Santa Fe county 15 new cases appeared, more than double the total for the previous week.

A censor of the movies appointed by the governor at a salary of \$2,400 a year with \$1,000 for office expenses and with the privilege of appointing assistants would be established by a bill now completed and which will be introduced in the legislature this week. The office would be maintained by assessing a fee of \$3 for the inspection of each reel of pictures.

The bill prohibits the showing of any pictures without the approval by the state censor and carries stiff penalties for violation. The maximum fine is \$100 for the first offense and \$500 for the second, in addition to a jail sentence of 30 days. The bill, although giving the censor the right to make regulations provides that he shall not approve any scene indecent, immoral or tending to debauch or corrupt morals. The bill also gives the censor the right of disapproving posters and advertisements.

Historic Mount Vernon



REMARKABLE AERIAL VIEW OF MOUNT VERNON. This picturesque view of George Washington's beautiful home on the Potomac was taken at a low altitude and gives almost a perfect representation of his old house and the outlying buildings and grounds.

Hay Trade Conditions of the Week.

Markets continue dull and weak but a feeling is evident that prices are nearer a normal level than they have been in several years, and although trade is inactive especially in the East, a healthier tone prevails. Central Western markets are lightly supplied and both local and shipping trade is looking up. Mild weather throughout the winter has reduced the farm consumption of hay and alfalfa and this, together with the unusually small amount moved so far this season, will leave a good surplus on hand at harvest. There is no prospect therefore, of high values, unless an acute rail delivery situation develops. And high prices due to restricted deliveries is injurious to the trade, for it creates an abnormal condition by which a few profit but the great majority eventually lose heavily.—Hay Trade Journal.

Average price per ton for top grades of hay in the leading markets:

Eastern Group.
This week \$28.33
Last week \$29.61
Year ago \$28.98

Central, Western and Southern Group.
This week \$24.58
Last week \$25.16
Year ago \$24.25

Kansas City.
Trade shows some improvement and although supplies of prairie were large early in the week the accumulation was cleaned up by Wednesday. Upper grades move readily but poor hay is slow sale. Receipts of alfalfa are fairly liberal and the demand for best sorts is good. Low grades are weak. The receipts of hay for the week were 5680 tons, against 5918 tons last week. Alfalfa is selling here as follows:
Choice 23.00@24.50
No. 1 21.00@22.50
Standard 17.00@20.50
No. 2 14.00@17.00
No. 3 11.50@13.50

Mrs. Eugene Green left yesterday for Laredo, Texas, where her husband will meet her and accompany her to her new home at Tampico, Mexico. The good wishes of their friends in Carlsbad are theirs for a happy home in that country.

ALL-YEAR JOBS FOR FAITHFUL PROPOSED.

Santa Fe, N. M.—There will be no such thing as a slack season in political patronage if republican legislators have their way. Provision is to be made for enough jobs at different times of the year so that the faithful may be kept rotating from one to another. Carmody and Miguel E. Baca, republicans, have proposed the creation of the office of county flood commissioner. This is to make up for the loss of work through the abolition of the office of county road superintendent.

The Gable game protection bill permits the employment of experienced trappers and unlimited deputies.

If both republican bills pass, the politically favored may work as flood superintendents in the spring and fall and as trappers in the winter.

REVIVAL SERVICES CONTINUE.

The Armory was filled to overflowing last Sunday afternoon and night to hear the evangelist, Rev. John B. Andrews, in his fine sermons; the afternoon subject being "The American Home" and in the evening "Clearing the Way." Seats had been improvised, chairs added and in spite of all there was not enough room for the people who wished to hear these splendid sermons. Meetings have been held in the Armory all week, at 9:30 in the morning, at 10 o'clock and at 7:30 at night, the church being too small to accommodate the people.

Reverend Andrews is a most earnest and sincere man and preaches a gospel of repentance and faith in all its simplicity and purity. He has the happy faculty of holding the attention of his hearers, even the children and young folk giving close attention to his remarks.

A large choir, composed of singers from the different churches, leads the singing under the instruction of Rev. Ed. Phillips, himself a fine vocalist and leader, and the singing plays no small part in the services. Miss Anne Andrews, daughter of the evangelist, has charge of the Bible study each morning from 9:30 to 10, and furnishes the solos for each service. The home orchestra adds greatly to the music and their playing is much enjoyed and appreciated.

All the business houses of the city agreed to close their doors during the morning services from 10 to 11 o'clock, and many of the clerks and others who are employed in the various establishments, attend church at that time. The evangelistic party as well as our own people, are deeply appreciative of this act of courtesy.

A great day is expected next Sunday at all the meetings. The work is expected to continue all of next week and the party will go from here to Roswell at the conclusion of the meetings.

All the meetings: Sunday school, leagues, and preaching services will be held Sunday in the Armory. A special mass meeting for the young folks of the town will be held in the afternoon at 3 o'clock and a large attendance is requested.

MINORITY FORCES BETTER GAME BILL.

Santa Fe, N. M.—Democratic opposition to the game bill of Thomas Gable, the present warden, has finally had its effect. When the Gable measure was before the house, the democrats resisted its passage stubbornly, seeking to have the bill or the Game Protective Association passed instead.

When the bill came before the senate judiciary committee, the democrats enlisted the support of republican members and as a result, many of the provisions of the Game Protective Association bill have been written into the original Gable draft. The bill as it now stands is acceptable to the sportsmen of the state.

R. E. Bennett, of Chicago, representing the Beaver Board Corporation of New York, is in the city this week in the interest of his firm. He is looking after assessment work on some placer mining claims north of here which have valuable deposits of gypsum which is to be used in the manufacture of heavy board when that company establishes a mill here. This is one of the largest concerns in the world which manufactures building materials and they contemplate putting in a mill here that will be a help to our city and will add to the industrial activities of Carlsbad in no small way.

Stone Willburn, a former resident of Eddy county and a brother of Mrs. Tom Runyan, is here for a few days from his home at Vaughn.

ELECTRICAL MEN TOLD TO TREAT PUBLIC FAIRLY

Sixty delegates were present last Monday morning when the seventh annual convention of the New Mexico Electrical association opened in the Chamber of Commerce at Albuquerque and more were expected to arrive late in the day. The convention lasted three days.

That square dealings and courtesy must permeate the organization was the keynote of the speech of E. A. Roberts, of Carlsbad, president of the association.

"Real courtesy and square dealing," he said, "must permeate our organization from the top down. If a meter reader or lineman is discourteous to a customer that customer is just as much antagonized as if the president or general manager of the firm was at fault. It is not enough that the heads of the business and salesmen be courteous and obliging.

"If you want public opinion with your company see to it that no one in the employ of the company does or says anything to lessen this feeling of confidence and friendship.

"The reason for cultivating the good will of the public aside from the human satisfaction and living in harmony with our fellowmen is this: Sooner or later even a power company needs friends. Suppose it is a question of higher rates or a new franchise. It is self-evident that a company on friendly terms with its customers will have an easier fight than if it has no well wishers."

Mr. Roberts concluded his talk with an appeal that the electrical men inform the public about their business and be fair.

THREE OPINIONS BY SUPREME COURT IN GARDNER ESTATE.

The supreme court on Monday decided three cases appealed from the district court of Bernalillo county, all growing out of handling of the estate of Madame Aline Mathilde Julia Bouvard, who died in Albuquerque in the fall of 1918, and Joseph R. Wilson, the attorney who was named as executor, Major E. P. Bujac, of Carlsbad and Roswell, was plaintiff in two of the cases. Major Bujac had another suit in the U. S. district court against the estate and Madame Bertha Pauget, daughter and heir of Madame Cardoner, praying for some \$25,000 for professional services rendered by himself and associate counsel, which included Francis Wood, of Albuquerque, and Judge C. R. Brice, of Roswell, formerly a law partner of Major Bujac. Jury was waived and the case tried to the court. Judge Nebbett's decision gave Bujac and associates about fifty per cent of their claim. Disbarment proceedings in the supreme court are now pending against Wilson as a result of his handling of the Cardoner and Pauget affairs.

In the case of E. P. Bujac, plaintiff in error, versus Joseph R. Wilson, defendant in error, judgment of the district court is affirmed.

In the case of E. P. Bujac, et al, appellants, versus Joseph R. Wilson, executor, appellee, the motion to dismiss the appeal is granted.

In the case of Morgan J. O'Brien, appellant, versus Joseph R. Wilson, executor, etc., appellee, the judgment of the district court is reversed. All three opinions are by Justice Parker, Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Reynolds concurring.

LIVESTOCK INTERESTS TO MEET IN ALBUQUERQUE.

Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 16.—The gravest problems that have ever confronted the livestock industry in New Mexico are coming up for consideration at the seventh annual convention of the New Mexico Cattle & Horse Growers' Association, which meets in Albuquerque March 29th, 30th and 31st. While the emergency tariff bill, now pending in congress, may be passed and thus grant some measure of relief for market conditions, there is still no solution in sight for the grave financial problems that confront the industry during the next two years.

Cattle growers everywhere throughout the state have found that the only way effective progress has been made during recent years has been through their organization, which has grown into one of the strongest associations of its kind in the west. Conventions that formerly drew 20 or 30 men now attract 500 or more, and it is expected that the coming convention will establish a new attendance record. Some of the foremost men in the livestock industry have accepted invitations to address the convention and consult with the members. The formal program of the convention will be announced on the first of March.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wilson, of Medford, Oklahoma, spent much of the past week in the city and vicinity. They are interested in the production of oil and intend to return to Carlsbad in about a month or six weeks for a longer stay.

DEMOCRATIC DOCTORS TO DIAGNOSE ILLS OF DONKEY

Washington, Feb. 17.—Next Friday there will be a lively time behind closed doors in the executive committee of the national Democratic committee. Not only have Thomas B. Love and Robert W. Woolley accepted Chairman White's invitation to tell "what's all the shootin' about," but various other members of the national committee are volunteering to come and diagnose the disease of the national donkey as they conceive it.

Samuel B. Amidon of Kansas and A. C. Dockweiler of California are among those who have volunteered up to date and ladies on the committee are already represented by Miss Archer.

Other protesters against the present management are expected to send in applications to be heard before Friday.

To some people who noticed the figures at the last election it is surprising that there is such eagerness to get the job of running the Democratic machinery. This surprise leaves out a state of mind that has been growing among Democratic politicians with striking rapidity. They have made up their mind that 1924 is going to be just like 1912, only more so.

This conception of 1924, and even 1922, as an undertaker's job, is so strong that you can't get any of the Democratic politicians to listen to the possibility that Mr. Harding may choose his advisers broadly and wisely and so get through the difficult times ahead with credit to himself and his party. They are perfectly sure he will be dominated by the present old guard, just as Taft was dominated by Aldrich and Cannon, with a similar result.

Some of the remarks of Borah and Mrs. Borah are being quoted with much satisfaction in support of this party optimism. Borah is figured as determined to stand outside, a complete free lance, subject to no discipline, ready to tear things up the moment he sees any move that he takes to be reactionary.

One argument that a prominent antimitine Republican brought forward to try to convince me that Mr. Harding will go with the extreme conservatives was that the rich men who financed last summer's campaign have intentionally left an enormous part of the campaign fund unpaid, in order that the question of paying it or not paying it may rest in their hands, thus constituting a powerful lever.

COMMERCIAL CLUB DIRECTORS MEET.

The directors of the Carlsbad Commercial club had a meeting on Tuesday last, at which meeting the revised by laws of the organization were presented and read and accepted subject to the approval of the members of the Commercial Club.

According to these by laws the directorate will be increased to 15 members and the name of the club will be changed to the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce. It was decided to give a banquet in the very near future at which there should be present all members of the Commercial club now in good standing and many others who are interested in the welfare of the city and vicinity. The president appointed a committee of three of which Mayor Hudgins is chairman, to take charge of the banquet and make all arrangements; he also appointed another committee of three known as a sort of steering committee to present the new by laws and other matters of great importance which will come up at this meeting. Under the new system the membership of the Commercial club should be increased easily to 200. The matter of a budget system will also be discussed at that meeting and the additional directors properly elected.

G. O. P. WITHDRAWS CATTLE BOARD BILL.

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 15.—Republican supporters of the new cattle sanitary board suddenly abandoned their project of creating a new board on which there would be no democrats.

Their bill which was reported favorably, was withdrawn to the livestock committee when it was reached on the calendar last week.

The principal difficulty was the refusal of democratic members of the legislature to be trapped into voting for bills which deprived them of representation. When the sheep bill came up, the democratic legislators amended it to give minority representation. It had been expected that a similar amendment would be offered to the cattle sanitary board bill, which would have destroyed the very purpose for which it was introduced. Hearing of this, the republicans withdrew the measure.

George McDonald, of Optima, Oklahoma, is in town and is doing assessment work for R. E. Bennett, the Beaver Board Corporation representative. Mr. McDonald is a brother of Walter McDonald, of Lakewood, and an old time subscriber to the Current.



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